

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11, 14-20 and 25-28 are cancelled. Claims 9, 21-24 and 29-32 are amended to correct dependency. Claim 10 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled claim 11. New claims 33-37 are added, placing objected-to claims 2, 4, 8, 20 and 28 in independent form, including all limitations of the parent claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 10, 12 and 13 are indicated rejected, but no explanation of their rejection appears in the Final Office Action. Applicant assumes the Examiner agrees that Applicant's prior amendments obviate the § 112 rejections, and these claims are additionally allowable.

All claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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